

WHOLE NO. 297

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"Dear Sir—I thank you for giving me the perusal of the enclosed. The sentiments do honor to the head and the heart of the writer; and if my wishes would be of any avail, they should go to you in a strong hope that you will withhold merited promotion from Mr. John Q. Adams because he is your son; for, without intending to compliment the father or the mother, or to censure any others, I give it as my decided opinion, that Mr. Adams is the most valuable public character we have abroad, and therefore no doubt in my mind that he will prove himself the ablest of all our diplomatic corps. If he was now to be brought into that line or into any other public walk, I could not, upon the principle that has regulated my own conduct, disapprove of the caution which is hinted at in the letter. But he is already entered—the public, more and more as he is known, are appreciating his talents and his worth—and his country would sustain a loss if these were to be checked by over-delicacy on your part.

With sincere esteem and affectionate regard,
and ever yours,
GEO. WASHINGTON.

Vice President.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

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CINCINNATI,
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FOR GOVERNOR,

LEICESTER KING.

IMPORTANT LAW DECISION.

An important law decision has recently been made by Judge Treat, one of the associate Judges of the Supreme Court of Illinois. An act of the Legislature of that state provides, that every black and mulatto person, who shall be found in the state, without an authorized certificate of freedom, shall be deemed a runaway slave, and may be committed to the custody of the Sheriff of the county, whose duty it shall be after having advertised the same for the space of six weeks, and no proof of his freedom being made, to hire him out from month to month for the space of one year.—The act virtually introduces slavery into Illinois, and is certainly in violation of the ordinance of 1787. A negro man named Daniel, having lately been arrested under this law, sued out a writ of habeas corpus, setting forth that the act was unconstitutional and void. Judge Treat, before hearing the case, decided that the act was unconstitutional, and that Daniel was entitled to his discharge.

THE LION'S SHARE.

The Secretary of the Navy is a Virginian; the first clerk of the Navy Department, a Virginian; the president of the Navy Board, a Virginian; the commander of the Mediterranean squadron, a Virginian; the commodore of the West India squadron, a Virginian; and the commander of the frigate Columbia, one of the Home Squadron, a Virginian. The great mass of the sailors of course are from the free states. But, southern brethren are born to rule.

FREE LABOR.

The late Free Labor Convention in Indiana was, according to report, a very interesting meeting. It is the object of this Free Labor movement, not to injure the interests of the South, but to reduce the value of slave labor products, and thus induce her to adopt the wages-principle. It would not cut off commerce with the South, but encourage Free Labor there.—The convention took measures preliminary to establishing a firm under the character of the Western Free Produce company, whose object should be to supply the market with free labor goods. If such a firm could be established, on a large scale, it might be productive of great good. Agencies could be established in several of the slave states, for the purpose of contracting with those planters who would use free labor in the production of cotton or sugar. We doubt not, many benevolent individuals might be induced under such circumstances to act out the half-awakened convictions of their consciences, and turn their slaves into free laborers.

The following are some of the resolutions passed at the convention.

The committee to whom were referred the three resolutions as expressed in the minutes of yesterday reported as follows:

Whereas it is highly necessary in order to encourage free labor, and to insure the success of the principle of abstention from slave grown produce, to introduce articles of merchandise of an opposite character into the different sections of our country; and as it will be necessary, in some instances, in order to obtain a sufficient supply of free goods to offer in competition with the slave goods, and as it is very desirable to be able to sell such at a price not exceeding that of others. Therefore,

Resolved, That to effect these objects it is expedient to establish a firm, under the character of the Western free produce company; the funds of which, being created by individual subscriptions and donations, shall be employed for the sole purpose of supplying the market with free labor goods.

The following resolution was discussed and laid on the table:

Resolved, That a Board of Directors be elected by the subscribers, who shall have the entire control of the establishment in relation to employing agents in the various parts of the country, and all business naturally embraced in the transaction of such an institution.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the house, to prepare and produce to a future meeting of the convention, a detailed plan of operations for carrying into operation the above proposed firm.

The names of the above committee have not yet come to hand.

Resolved, That the friends of the Anti-Slavery cause, throughout the western country, be requested to hold meetings for the purpose of discussing this subject; and to appoint delegates to attend the adjourned meeting of this convention at Friends' meeting house at Elk, in Preble county Ohio, on 3d day, the 17th of 5th month next, at 10 o'clock A. M. with instructions as to the opinions of their constituents on the subject.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the friends of the A. S. cause to discuss the merits of the foregoing propositions through the medium of the Press in order that all the light possible may be thrown on the subject previous to the next meeting of the convention.

And that the President and Secretaries of each of the A. S. Societies in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, and Iowa, be requested to get up meetings for the promotion of the objects contemplated in the foregoing part of this resolution; and if any of them cannot send delegates, we solicit them to give us their views in writing, addressed to Henry H. Way, and Jonathan Swain, the corresponding secretaries of the Western Free Labor Association, New Garden, Wayne co., Ia.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this convention be published in the "Free Labor Advocate and A. S. Chronicle," and that the A. S. papers be requested to copy so much of the proceedings as relate to the raising of funds to procure "free labor goods."

Then adjourned to meet at the time and place above stated.

WILLIAM BEARD, Pres't.

JONATHAN SWAIN, } Secretaries.
WALTER EDGERTON, }

COLUMBUS FREEMAN.

The Columbus Freeman is still manfully contending for the principles of Liberty. The old political associates of the editor generally have proscribed him. The Logan Gazette parts with him in good temper. Indeed there is something so honorable to both parties, so different from the usual course of partisan editors, in the notice taken by the Gazette of the change of the Freeman, that we must transfer it to our columns.

The Columbus Freeman.

Has handed down the name of Henry Clay from its masthead, and gone over to the political abolitionists.—Well, we have no fault to find—the Freeman claimed to be independent, and we presume the editor had the right to abandon his former professions, tear down the honored name he was the first to raise, and form new political ties and associates. We are sorry to part with Capt.

DUFFET, we have known him long and well, and esteem him as a man; and while we believe that he is governed by correct motives, though we may regret the course he has adopted and doubt its propriety, we cannot indulge in those denunciations against him which we see some of our whig friends have. We part with him in politics, as we would with an old friend with whom we had long intercourse, hoping that the day will yet come, when he will again return to the fold from which he has unfortunately strayed.

The hope is certainly benevolent, but the captain would find but poor picking and a straggling flock.

MR. ADAMS AND HIS CONSTITUENTS.

The people of Mr. Adams' District have just held a great meeting, and by appropriate and spirited resolutions sustained their noble representative. The Town hall in Plymouth was filled to overflowing. The Hon. Seth Sprague of Duxbury presided.

Vice Presidents—Dr. James Thatcher, of Plymouth; Col. John Thomas, of Kingston;—Dr. Amariah Preston, of Plymouth.

Secretaries—Col. Wm. Davis, of Plymouth; Joseph Pratt, Esq. of Carver.

The last resolution in the series will show the feeling which is beginning to animate all classes in the East.

Resolved, That the North has nothing to hope from continued concessions to the demands of the South; that we heartily approve the stand taken in Congress by Mr. Adams in defence of Northern interests and rights; and that, in all constitutional efforts which he may make to protect those rights and interests, we pledge him here, on the Rock of Plymouth, our sympathy and support.

The Old Colony Memorial makes the following remarks:

The venerable appearance of the President and Vice Presidents added much to the interest of the occasion.—The President, whose head is silvered with the frosts of more than eighty winters, is a veteran republican servant, whose voice is ever heard with respect. Of the Vice Presidents, Dr. Thatcher has just completed his 88th year, and both he and Dr. Preston were in active service in the Revolutionary war. Col. Thomas, of Kingston, is a son of the Gen. Thomas who figured so largely in the fortification of Dorchester Heights; and in the early part of our Revolution, Gen. T. died in Canada. The selection of these veterans was peculiarly appropriate on the occasion of sustaining their venerable Representative.

OLD MASSACHUSETTS.

The following Act and Resolve have been reported by a select committee, in the Legislature of Massachusetts.

AN ACT

Relating to the Right of Rail-Road Passengers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Sec. 1. No rail-road corporation shall, by themselves, their directors, or others, make or establish any law or regulation, which shall make any distinction, or give preference in accommodation to any one or more persons over others, on account of descent, sex, or color.

Sec. 2. Any officer or servant of any rail-road corporation, who shall assault any person for the purpose of depriving him of his right of privilege, in any car or rail-road accommodation, on account of descent, sex, or color, or shall aid or abet any person, in committing such assault, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not less than six days, or by fine not less than ten dollars; and shall also be answerable to the person assaulted, to the full amount of his damage in an action of trespass.

RESOLVE

Relating to the Imprisonment of Citizens of this Commonwealth in other States.

Resolved, That the imprisonment of any citizens of Massachusetts in the ports, or harbors within the borders of other States of the Union, without the allegation of any crime committed by him, and solely on account of his color, constitutes a gross violation of the Federal Constitution, as well as of all the principles of national liberty; and that the excellency of the Governor, be hereby authorized, in any case of the kind that may occur, to cause the legality of such imprisonment to be tried before the courts of the United States.

The act for the repeal of the Intermarriage law, which passed one house, has failed in the other, a very small majority being against it.—We were mistaken in reporting it as having become a law.

CIRCUMSTANCES ALTER CASES.

Great parties may, with impunity, commit acts, that would ruin small ones. The Temperance men in New York not long since made a grand Auto Da Fe, at which they burnt King Alcohol. Should the abolitionists of Cincinnati attempt to inflict such an indignity on King Slavery, half the city would be about their ears—and the press would be shocked with their imprudence. Patriotic democrats in different portions of Ohio have lately burned John Quincy Adams in effigy. This will hardly cost the party a single voter—although many good men, religious men belong to it. Should some of the Abolitionists hang by the neck J. C. Calhoun in effigy, the papers, religious and political would denounce the whole body, as a pack of rabid fanatics. A Democratic meeting, whose proceedings were lately noticed in terms of high approbation by the Ohio Statesman, passed the following resolution.

"Resolved, That Nat. Turner and John Quincy Adams, the brightest stars of modern abolitionism, the one is dead, and the other damned." Such persons have all the brutality, without a single redeeming trait, of the blood-thirsty savage. The Democratic party will not be called to an account for such proceedings. Suppose an abolition meeting had passed a resolution with regard to hangman Preston, identical in sentiment—one universal shout of execration would have gone up from a press, horror-stricken with such ferocity.

Our readers have not forgotten the commotion awakened lately in the political world, by the suspension of the nomination of Edward Everett, on account of his anti-slavery opinions. The Western Whig press muttered thunder, and the Eastern did what our Southern brethren now think a great deal worse—threatened to dissolve the Union. One influential paper went so far as to say, that the rejection of that gentleman on such ground would be in fact a dissolution! Who found fault—what intense zeal for the Union sounded the alarm against such treason? Not one. Large parties may do what they choose. Now, when a few anti-slavery men, under infinitely, yet infinitely heavier provocations, dare to calculate the value of the Union, the papers of this very party, which then threatened treason, are seized with a holy horror at the insolence, the madness of the miserable fanatics! The truth is, men are fain to avail themselves of ever

weapon, fair or foul, against a small and an unpopular minority.

As to petitions for disunion, we hope no more will be sent, till our Southern brethren begin to bully us again with the menace of a Dissolution of the Union.

THE VALUE OF THE UNION.

Most of the Anti-Slavery men are attached to the Union, not blindly, but because they think the highest welfare of the whole republic can be best secured by it. They certainly deserve great credit for this, for their attachment is entirely disinterested. To them there is no Union. In violation of the Constitution, by treachery and violence, slaveholders have dissolved the Union with them long ago.

In broad day light, in a District purchased by the money of the Union, within sight of the Capitol, where sit the representatives of the North and South, a citizen of the Union, a northern man, is cast into jail for selling a Liberty newspaper. "I am a Roman citizen," was a protection stronger than the *Aegis* of Minerva. Old Rome was too proud to permit her honor to be tarnished, her power weakened, by tolerating violence to any one calling himself a Roman. But an American citizen may be whipped at Nashville, thrown into a Dungeon in the District of Columbia, tarred & feathered in Carolina, driven with ignominy from New Orleans, nay—hanged, or sold as a slave for life, and where is the avenger? Where is the Power, whose name he bears? Where is the Union, the glorious Union, the god of American idolatry? Alas! like the lying Baal of the old Jews, "either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is on a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked"—"there is no voice nor cry that answers."

Such is the protection of the Union to anti-slavery men. We have a case in point, and shall briefly relate it.

Mr. M. W. Hopkins is a respectable citizen of Columbus; an artist by profession, a man, so far as we know, of great amiability and moral worth. In November last, by the advice of his physician, he left Columbus, to spend the winter in Louisiana on account of his health. A few months before leaving, he became acquainted with James Clark, of Jackson, East Feliciana parish, La., who cordially invited him to call at his residence, intimating that he would give him employment as an artist, and recommended the town of Jackson as a healthy spot for invalids. He assured him also that the fact of his being an abolitionist would not endanger him, so long as he should remain silent concerning it, there. Mr. Hopkins arrived at Jackson about the middle of December. Five or six weeks after, Mr. Clark returned, and without having seen Mr. H., visited a groggery, and gave out that there was an Abolitionist in town. A mob soon collected, and despatched two of their bullies to Mr. H. who was quickly engaged at his work, with orders to bring him forth, and answer for the crime of thinking, (not saying,) that slavery was a sin. After several violent speeches, Mr. H. by permission addressed the meeting, and frankly told them that he believed slavery to be a sin and curse, but, in accordance with the advice of Mr. Clark, who stood before them, and who had invited him to that place, he had said nothing about it, while there, and did not wish to disturb their peculiar institutions. His only object was to spend the winter there quietly, solely for the benefit of his health. He produced written testimonials to his character, from the North, and one, from a gentleman of established character in the vicinity. Mr. Hagerman, the Presbyterian clergyman, with whom he had been lodging, testified that Mr. H. had behaved in all respects both as a gentleman and a Christian—that he had said nothing that could lead to the belief that he was an abolitionist.

After several speeches and violent threats, a resolution was offered, that Mr. H. be ordered to leave the place by 3 o'clock P. M. It was then about noon. Mr. Catlet, the Mayor, said that he wanted every abolitionist driven not only out of the South, but out of the United States, and into Great Britain, where they belonged, but he did not wish the man to go back to the North, and report that he had been treated like a savage, especially as he stood before them in the light of a peaceable gentleman. He would therefore move so to modify the resolution, as to give him time to close his business, even if he should be obliged to stay till the morning. Loud threats, however, were made against any house that should give him a night's lodging, and he was allowed only till five o'clock, to get ready for leaving.

He left for Bayou Sara, 12 miles, the nearest landing place on the Mississippi, where he arrived about bed time, followed by some of the mob, who seemed bent on stirring up another mob to lynch him before he could get beyond their reach.

Mr. Marks, the landlord, being informed of all the circumstances by Mr. Hagerman, who with a noble disregard for his own safety, had accompanied the persecuted man, promised to protect him. This prevented disturbance thro' the night, but the next morning, a band of twenty ruffians collected in the bar-room, expressing a determination to lynch him at all hazards. The landlord, with a generous courage, at once interposed, and announced to them, that he would spill his own blood, before he would suffer one of them to touch his guest. His resolute bearing intimidated them, and Mr. Hopkins owes it to his efforts and those of Mr. Hagerman, that he is now safe in a free state. We saw him a few days since in Cincinnati, and the facts stated above, are furnished by himself.

There is another fact, which he had while in the South, from the best authority. It is a horrible fact, but there is nothing wonderful in it. We wish the people of the free states to weigh it well. It is, that standing committees are appointed in most or all of the principal towns

in the slave states, especially on the Mississippi, whose duty it is to collect and keep a list of the names of northern abolitionists; to search the baggage of travellers, and tavern registers, for the name of every man from the north who may stop in any of those towns, and, if it be down on the list, to report the case at once as a fit one for the application of lynch law!

And under provocations so brutal, so infernal, the freemen of the North are expected to be as fervent as ever in their attachment to a Union, which, while it protects the meanest dog from the South who barks on the track of a fugitive in the North, leaves them to the tender mercies of a bloody slaveholding Inquisition.

DISCUSSION.

For the last two Saturday evenings, Mr. Wm. Birney, in behalf the Liberty men, has been carrying on a discussion with a champion selected by the anti-abolition society, the representative of their opinions. The meetings have been held in a ward, pre-eminent for its bitter hostility to us, and the audiences have been composed, we presume, chiefly of those who were actively engaged in, or countenanced, the late violent proceedings against us. No disturbance has taken place. Mr. Birney has been listened to with the utmost respect, and the President of the Society, Mr. Shalley, deserves praise, for the great fairness and courtesy with which he has presided.

The last meeting was adjourned till next Saturday evening, to the Court House—Mr. Birney being entitled to the floor. We need not say that Mr. Birney has acquitted himself honorably. We hope that the Court House may be well filled next Saturday evening.

THE OBJECT OF THE LIBERTY PARTY.

The proper object of the Liberty Party, as we have often stated, is not the abolition of slavery as it exists under State authority, but the divorce of the General Government and the legislation of the free states from the system. But, he must be very simple who imagines that we are blind to the inevitable result of such divorce—or that we would hesitate to urge this result as a principal motive to political anti-slavery effort. Slavery stands by the political power of the Union, and the ecclesiastical sanction of the free states. Withdraw this sanction, and strip the slaveholders as a class of political consequence, and you have taken away the pillars of this stupendous mass of wickedness. We go still further. If, after having accomplished, by the political exercise of the rights now secured to us by the Constitution, every object which it is legitimate now for us to aim at as a political anti-slavery party, Slavery should still continue to exist in the States, still continue to disturb the business, corrupt the morals, and endanger the safety of the whole country, we should urge such amendments to the Constitution, as would empower Congress in a proper way to interfere for the complete extinction of the evil.

While we contend for the propriety of being guarded in our language, and giving such expressions of our views and objects as need not be misunderstood, still, we owe it to ourselves and the South, to declare frankly and firmly, that we, as anti-slavery men, engaged in one department of a universal movement which has for its final end the annihilation of slavery everywhere, will never cease from our work, till the flag of the Union shall wave over a country, unpolled by the footsteps of a single slave.

THE PHILANTHROPIST.

Halloo there! Smith, Stewart, Green, Goodell, Stanton, Garrett, Ray, Chapin, and the thousands of New York, Levitt, Whittier, Jackson, Torrey, Sewall of Massachusetts, with your thousands. Halloo! "pillow of fire." Miller that went to Greece, and your conductors; aye! and you of Pennsylvania, Post, Hastings, Lemoyne, and your hundreds, New Hampshire and Maine with your hosts, Indiana and Illinois, what say you?—Are we a "Liberal" party, or a Liberty Party? are we an Abolition Party, or an "anti-slavery" party? Read the Ohio Philanthropist of February 16th, and tell us. We are astonished, amazed, dumb founded at the leading article from the pen of Dr. Bailey. Let us hear from you. If Dr. Bailey speaks for Ohio let us understand each other. Where are we? Next week we shall review this article. We look upon it as a direct and bold attempt to sell the Abolitionists of Ohio to one of the political parties, and we are very aware! Our readers shall have our thoughts in full next week. [Madison County Abolitionist.]

A little more decorum and less heat, friend Jackson. For your own sake you had better take that saying back—"a direct and bold attempt to sell the Abolitionists of Ohio to one of the political parties!" Nobody will believe you. Moreover, so long as it stands, there can be no discussion between us. We cannot consent to discuss any question with an anti-slavery editor who commences by a coarse attack on our integrity.

PARTIES IN INDIANA.

The New Harmony Disseminator says that both parties have had the rule in Indiana, and both have disappointed the hopes of the people. This is not peculiar to Indiana. Suppose our friend of the Disseminator give the Liberty men a trial. Their principles are certainly unexceptionable.

THE AMERICAN PIONEER.

The 2nd and 3rd numbers of this invaluable periodical is before us. It increases in interest, as it progresses. We hope its enterprising publisher may meet with success. The price is \$2 a year. It is published at Chillicothe.

Contents of the 2d number.

View of the first meeting house in Ohio. Poem on visiting its ruins. John Brickell's Indian captivity. Early attempt at settlement &c., by George Corner. Anecdotes of Jesse Hughes, of Va., by James Renick. First settlement at Marietta. Logan and Cresap. Navigation by steam. First settlement of the Virginia Military District. Trip to the West—captivity of the Lee family &c., by Felix Renick Esq.

Contents of the 3rd number.

Drawing of Campus Martius. Description of it. Biographical sketch of the Rev. Dr. Storry, by Dr. Hildreth. History of an early voyage, by the same. Annals of the Colonial Post

offices. First stage route in the United States. Statistics. Logan's spring—anecdotes. Shade of Logan, a Poem. Preservation of manuscripts. American Chronology, &c.

WESTERN FREEMAN.

We have neglected to notice the fact, that our friend Arnold Buffum has at last succeeded in establishing his paper, under the title of Western Freeman, at Liberty, Ia. It is published in a neat form—and our friend is making it an effective agent in the dissemination of Liberty sentiment.

He is a most indefatigable laborer, and we hope he may receive a hearty support.

GENIUS OF TEMPERANCE.

Is the title of a new weekly Temperance paper started at Massillon, Stark co. Its terms are, \$1 a year. The first number is a spirited, well-filled sheet. It is rallying the Washingtonians of Stark for the Great Temperance Convention to be held at Cincinnati, April 5th 1842.

GENERAL BENNETT AND ABOLITION.

General Bennett, Chief of the city of Nauvoo, Ill., has come out in thundering style, in favor of the abolitionists. He says—

"I gave it (slavery) a full and fair investigation years ago—I swore in my youth that my hands should never be bound, my feet fettered, nor my tongue palsied—I am the friend of Liberty, UNIVERSAL LIBERTY, both civil and religious. I ever detested servile bondage. I wish to see the shackles fall from the feet of the oppressed, and the chains of slavery broken. I hate the oppressor's grasp and the tyrant's rod; against them I set my brows like brass, and my face like steel; and my arm is nerved for the conflict."

"Great God! has it come to this,—that the free citizens of the sovereign State of Illinois, can be taken and immured within the walls of a Missouri penitentiary for twelve long years, for such a crime as God would regard as a virtue? Simply for pointing bondmen to a state of liberty and law!"

PENNSYLVANIA AND MARYLAND CASE.

We have not yet received an authentic report of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Maryland and Pennsylvania case. If it be, as was represented by our correspondent, it effectively subverts the sovereignty of the states, and, so long as the act of Congress of '33 remains as it is, it strips every citizen of this Union of every security for personal rights, and makes the two hundred and fifty thousand slaveholders of this republic, absolute tyrants. Petitions should be immediately got up, praying Congress so to amend that act, as to prohibit any arrest save by legal process, to secure a jury trial to the person arrested, &c. However, it may be well to wait for a full report of the decision.

ANOTHER CAUSE OF WAR.

A man named Hogan, has been arrested in the State of New York, on the charge of having been concerned in the destruction of the Caroline. President Tyler in view of this case, has again suggested to Congress the propriety of making some provision, by which such cases may be taken out of the hands of the State, and placed under the control of the federal government.

Hogan has since been released.

AN EMPTY TREASURY.

The President has sent a message to Congress informing them that the receipts for the quarter ending in May, will fall short three millions of the expenditures. The Secretary of the Treasury recommends a loan of eight millions for twelve years.

Anti-Slavery Sentiment in the South.

Many circumstances concur to induce the conviction that anti-slavery sentiment is spreading in the South. Mr. Hopkins, whose case we have detailed above, says that intelligent slaveholders (in La.) are nearly all convinced that slavery must soon go down in some way, and many of them are very free in expressing their sentiments. An intelligent merchant told him that the people of the South generally, felt that they were sleeping on a volcano—they were aware that the contest was between the whole world and a few states; and that the latter could not long withstand the universal sentiment.—Another slaveholder told him that the effects of the system on all classes were evil, and only evil continually. Many of the most pious of the inhabitants were selling off and moving away.

The Southern correspondent of the Morning Star, (N. H.) says that for a long time previous to the slaveholders' convention, the non-slaveholding citizens, who constitute four-fifths of the population, not only remained passive, but looked with a lenient eye on slavery itself.—But the extreme measures recommended by that Convention aroused them from their apathy.—In the principal papers of Baltimore, strong articles appeared reproaching those measures.—Meetings have been called in different counties, in opposition, and slavery which a few months since, was too delicate a subject to be whispered about, is now freely canvassed both in private and public. "The influences," says their correspondent, "which have long silenced discussion, have been removed, at least in a great degree; and though peaceable and safe manumission, which we all desire, may not be accomplished for some years, yet we may be assured, that freedom of thought and speech will be maintained, and these will hasten it."

These indications should encourage abolitionists, and prevent the adoption of any extravagant measures to which men zealously affected in a good cause, are tempted, when they grow hopeless.

We quote the following report of the proceed-

ings (somewhat abridged) of a public meeting at Centreville, Maryland.

PUBLIC MEETING.

CENTREVILLE, Jan. 29th, 1842.

In pursuance of a call given in the Centreville papers, a large and respectable meeting was held in the Court House at Centreville on the 29th of January. The meeting was called to order by the Hon. P. B. Hopper, who proposed that Peter Wilmer, Esq., be appointed Secretary, and that Robert P. Chilton be appointed Secretary, which was unanimously concurred in. Wm. Carmichael, Esq., the chair, to report such measures as they deem proper and advisable in relation to the proceedings of the Slaveholders' Convention lately held at Annapolis, which was unanimously concurred in; and the chair immediately appointed William Carmichael, Madison Brown, Henry E. Wright, Arthur Emory, Sen. and Geo. C. Palmer, Esq., the committee retired and in their absence Judge Hopper addressed the chair. The committee presented

William E. Spencer and Henry E. Wright addressed the chair. The question was called for and the report was adopted unanimously. W. A. Spencer proposed to strike out certain parts of the report, to amend, which was lost. On motion of Madison Brown, Esq., the Secretary was directed to forward these proceedings to both branches of the Legislature of Maryland.

REPORT.

The committee appointed by the chair report: That when they saw it announced that a Slaveholders' Convention was to be held at Annapolis, they had hoped the object of the Abolitionists, measures to counteract the projects of the Slaveholders, and those who are engaged in unlawful attempts to seduce our slaves from their masters. In this we concur in the resolves of the Slaveholders' Convention.

Against such men we would justify the strongest legislation and the heaviest penalties of the law. The committee have seen with deep and painful regret, a string of resolutions, which the Slaveholders' Convention, as the basis of legislation. Last founded upon their principles, might profit a small class of citizens, but we believe, would be deeply injurious to the general interest of the State. That the primary object of the Slaveholders' Convention is to drive all the free black population from the State, none can question, who have read their proceedings. If this measure would be beneficial to the large and wealthy slaveholders of the State, let us look to their effect on a numerous and meritorious class of citizens, in the more humble walks of life, and we believe, there are such in every county in the State. There are men in this county who inherited nothing from their fathers, who in the pursuit of agriculture, by sober diligence and persevering industry, have advanced their fortunes and though they have not the means of the luxuries they live in comfortable independence, are now cheered by the hope, that by the improvement and education of their children, they may attain stations in life, from which they themselves were precluded by the poverty which hung upon their early days. Some of these men are landholders, some landless, and some few of them are handiworkers, but in general they depend upon free black labor for the cultivation of their farms and domestic servants.

The agriculturists of the Eastern shore to a man, cultivate grain crops. Their soil is not adapted to cotton or tobacco and the profits of farming are small when compared with plantations in the State. The Eastern shore has been one of the most of the counties of the Eastern shore to purchase slaves for the rich planters of the South and South-west. The prices have been from three to seven hundred dollars, and the humble farmer has been unable to enter the market and compete with the rich planter.—There were men in this county now gone down to the great holding large landed estates and possessing large negro property, who under the sanction of the laws of the State liberated their slaves. Their lands descended to their children, who now hold them, and they too in most instances, depend upon free black labor for domestics and the cultivation of their farms. If the resolutions of the Slaveholders' Convention were carried out by legislation, and if the free black population were driven from the State, the lands of this class of citizens must be desolate or prices into the hands of the rich slaveholding neighbors at prices dictated by them.

The man who inherited lands, but no slaves would be compelled to abandon the home of his fathers, the delightful scenes of his childhood, the happiness of his mature years, and the last earthly home he had ever known, to the withered hand of mingling his ashes with those to whom he was bound in life by the dearest affections and the tenderest ties.

Most of the resolutions of the Slaveholders' Convention, are subversive of the primary object; the driving the free black laborer from the State. The proposals to compel all free negroes, male and female, old and young to attend at the county town annually for registry; to compel all free negroes annually to give good security for their good behavior, are in keeping with primary objects. And who are to be their securities? The humble citizen who having no slaves, is under the necessity of employing free black labor.

By another resolution, the ties of nature implanted in the human breast, are proposed to be violated and broken. Parents, white and black, civilized and savage, cherish their children in their infant days; and when they attain maturity years, they feel the obligation of making return to their parents. A law, however, passed in this county, which is seldom violated, that as the free children become fit for service, they are hired out and their parents receive their wages until they attain maturity age, and by this means, many small farmers cultivate their lands."

In the British Parliament, forty years ago, the atrocity of tearing parents from children, and children from parents, called up the burning eloquence of Burke, Wilberforce, Fox and Pitt, which assailed the English heart, and the voice of rival the cry of humanity. For whom did these illustrious men plead? For the wild untutored heathen savage on the coast of Africa. And whose children does the Slaveholders Convention propose to seize at the tender age of eight, and place them in the hands of men who never saw us? The children of those who were the companions of the slaveholders' Convention, would not only deeply injure the general white population of Maryland, but would subvert the fundamental principles of our State Government. They would enrich and magnify the large slaveholders, few in number, when compared with the rest of the population, and would impoverish and degrade the larger and more numerous class of the soil. From the degradation of the free blacks of Maryland (the retail merchants, the carpenters, the tailors, shoemakers and saddlers), draw support? From the large slaveholders? Their custom is valuable in their neighborhood, but in this county it does not supply the one tenth part of the demands of white handicraft labor.

If another string of the resolutions of the Slaveholders' Convention be carried out, the right of manumission will be at an end, and we believe, that it will fasten on Maryland and on our posterity, a black population, we cling to manumission as the means, in the lapse of time, of mildly and gently extinguishing or lessening the black population—such has been the past course of the States and such we believe it will be in this; unless the measures of the Slaveholders' Convention prevail. We speak for our State, we believe manumission here to be the true policy. In some of our sister States, imperious circumstances may demand the abrogation of the right of manumission. The safety of the people must always be the supreme law. Quiet and peace in relation to this subject have always existed in this State, and we will not consent to hazard it by new projects. As masters, we protest against all attempts to invade our rights of property and conscience long sanctioned by law, and we will not surrender them without a determined and lawful struggle.—The right of manumission existed among the Jews, the Russians and the Turks, and we believe was first introduced in America by the Quakers. The late William Hindman of Talbot, a gentleman of large real estate, and also possessed of large slave property, which had been increasing on him for forty years by procreation, manumitted his slaves by his last will, about twenty years ago.

His kindness induced him to give some of them their

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POETRY.

THE LOVED ONE.

BY JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL.

The loved one, the loved one!
Unseen but never far—
All souls must have a loved one,
Though haply but a star.

And thou, most blessed woman,
When first I looked on thee,
Wert in thy heavenly lustre,
Only a star to me.

I gazed on thee so distant,
And with thine eyes did long,
That, in my earnest loving,
My soul grew high and strong.

And in its deep abysses
Thy shade slept slumbering;
Seen only in calm weather,
As stars are in the sea.

So kept I ever quiet,
That I might rest therein;
For thine unconscious shadow
Was utmost bliss to win.

I know not how it happened—
For we can never know
The channel whereby Heaven
Into the soul doth flow.

But, while I yet was gazing,
I was methought lit up;
My soul was filled with splendor,
Like an o'erbrimming cup.

And ere I ceased from wonder,
I prest thee, truest woman,
All glorious as thou art;
And now thou art my loved one,
Thou art my star no less;
For Heaven and Earth are married
In thy full loveliness.

Letter from the Sandwich Islands.

Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands, August 12th, 1841.

DEAR SIR:—We propose to offer a few remarks upon the formation of an Anti-Slavery Society at these Islands.

We believe the system of slavery to be one of great and almost unmitigated evil to all who come within its influence. We do not regard the evils flowing from the system as abuses incidental to it, and not necessarily connected with it, but as a part of the system itself, and the legitimate and inevitable consequence of its existence.

This system is almost as wide spread as the earth itself, and calls loudly for the efforts of philanthropists in its entire abolition. Such efforts, in various forms, are to some extent put forth. And we feel that it is proper for all to take ground upon this great moral question. We are citizens of the world, and as such, clothed with high responsibilities to our fellow-men. God has made it our duty and privilege to seek the happiness of every human being.—This is the great object at which every benevolent man and institution aims, and with these views, we have felt it to be our duty to bear testimony against slavery, and we know of no more unexceptionable method of accomplishing the object, than by subscribing a preamble and constitution expressive of our views upon this subject.

It is unnecessary here to assign the reasons for our belief as to the character and tendency of the institution of slavery, as they are substantially the same that have often been urged against it in times past, and which we hold in common with all who believe the system to be radically wrong.

We believe the Anti-Slavery enterprise to be one of the great benevolent enterprises of the age, and that in common with the Bible, Tract, Missionary, Temperance, and every other kindred institution, aiming at the temporal and eternal happiness of man, it must be crowned with success, before the single object at which all ultimately aim can be attained.

But it may still be inquired, what good can result from an Anti-Slavery organization at the Sandwich Islands? We reply then, first, by taking this stand, we put it out of the power of any man to plead our silence upon the subject of slavery as a tacit approval of it. We do not suppose that it would have been the general opinion, that we favored the institution, even had we not taken any order upon the subject—but at a period when some good and honest men, as we have reason to believe, contend for its scriptural sanction, we cannot tell what use might be made of our entire silence.

Secondly, it will encourage and strengthen those who are laboring for the abolition of slavery, to know that they have our sympathy and prayers.

Should it be said by any, that our number is so small, and our location so isolated and distant from all the fields of action, that in this respect our influence will not be felt, we would reply in the language of Scripture, "A man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend," and general experience tends to establish the justice of the remark.

It accords with our constitutions as social beings. If a man is engaged in the accomplishment of an object, he is encouraged to know that others sympathize with and wish him success.

There is probably not an individual, laboring for the salvation of the heathen, who does not feel strengthened by knowing that he has the sympathy of Christians in his efforts to do good, and their prayers for his success, although they may be thousands of miles distant from the scene of his labors. In our opinion there is no man of integrity of character, however humble his station, but may do good in any benevolent cause to which he may lend his influence.—That influence may, and doubtless will be, proportioned to the standing of the individual, and diminished as it recedes from the centre of action, but in ordinary cases will not be entirely obliterated. But

Thirdly, Should no other good result from our organization, we shall feel the consciousness of having done what we deemed to be our duty.

Whilst we have a specific field of labor in connection with one of the benevolent institutions of the day, our united prayers ascend for a blessing upon every other branch of the great work of building Christ's kingdom; and we wish the influence of our example to be felt in every good work; hence the formation of our society.

Our sympathies are with the enslaved, and our prayer to God for their release. Nor do we forget the masters. Our prayer for them is that they may remember the poor, deal justly, and love mercy, that the blessing of many

that are ready to perish may come upon them. We are aware that there is a difference of opinion in the United States, as to the expediency of this mode of action upon this subject. It is so here; and considering the fallibility of our nature, it is to be expected.

We do not condemn those whose views do not coincide with ours; but for ourselves we do not understand why the common practice of operating by societies, or in bodies, or why combined action will not be proportionably more efficient than individual effort in this, as in other cases. We felt it to be our duty to bear testimony against slavery, and knew of no better way than the one which we have chosen. If there is a more excellent way, we rejoice in it, and as we sincerely desire to know the truth, and to hold ourselves open to conviction, we shall, if convinced of its superior excellence, be happy to embrace it. Our prayer is for wisdom from on high, to lead us to act judiciously and wisely in this as in all other cases. We feel that we cannot be absolved from our most solemn obligations to reprove evil; but whilst we would faithfully rebuke sin, and not suffer it upon our neighbor, we should endeavor to do it kindly, and in the spirit of love. We would deprecate any unnecessary asperity or harshness of language, remembering that the pen of inspiration has declared that "he that winneth souls is wise;" and "knowing the terrors of the Lord persuade men;" and we believe that to win and persuade is better adapted to secure the accomplishment of an object, in ordinary cases, than an opposite course.

We have said that there is a difference of opinion here, as well as elsewhere, as to the best mode of action upon this subject. Some of our brethren have not united with us, because they have not been convinced that this was best. But upon the merits of the main question there is, we believe, unanimity of views. Neither are we aware of any alienation of feeling towards us, upon the part of those who have not adopted our views, or upon our part towards them. They act, I believe, conscientiously; and although they do not see as we do, in regard to some measures, yet we love them as Christians and fellow-laborers in the cause of Christ, and feel no diminution of confidence in their integrity and worth; and we have reason to believe this feeling is reciprocal. We can all unite in supplication to God for the enfranchisement of the oppressed every where; but especially as citizens of the United States—rejoicing in the prosperity, and mourning over the adversity of the land which gave us birth, and to which we feel bound by many and strong ties, we cannot but deeply deplore that the withering influences of slavery are spread over so large and fair a portion of our country's inheritance; and our hope and prayer is that the day may not be far distant, when the true interests of the masters and the slaves may be consummated by the emancipation of the latter from the mental and physical disabilities and degradation under which they labor, and of the former from those outward influences which cluster around, and history and experience show to be the inevitable results flowing from, the system of slavery.

The preceding remarks are not officially made, but are believed to correspond with the views of nearly, or quite all, of the members of our Society.

Very respectfully and truly,
Your friend and servant,
SAM'L N. CASTLE.

P. S. Let I should be misunderstood, where I have spoken of the greater efficiency of the action of societies than of individuals, in the Anti-Slavery as well as other causes, I will say that my remarks had reference to the difference of opinion which exists upon the general subject, and not to the case of our own society. We do not contemplate raising funds, employing agents, or otherwise engaging actively in the work. We are called, as we believe, to devote our energies to another field. Our organization is simply for the purposes before stated.

Honolulu, August 1841.

GENTLEMEN: Agreeably to a vote of the Hawaiian Anti-Slavery Society, herewith I forward you a copy of its preamble and constitution, with the names attached and proceedings for publication, in the journal of your Society.

Very respectfully, your ob't. serv't.

S. N. CASTLE, Cor. Sec.

To the Secretaries of the Am. & For. A. S. Soc. New York.

HAWAIIAN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

(Extract from the minutes.)

On Wednesday June the 9th 1841, the following persons viz., J. S. Green, A. Wilcox, E. Locke, P. J. Gulick, S. N. Castle, Dr. T. Lafon, L. Andrews, O. Dole, T. Coan, H. R. Hitchcock, H. R. Knapp, and H. Dimond, met at 4 o'clock, P. M., at the house of H. O. Knapp, in Honolulu for the purpose of forming an Anti-Slavery Society.

Dr. Lafon was called to the chair.

Prayer was offered by J. S. Green.

L. Andrews was chosen Secretary.

The following Preamble and Constitution having been previously prepared, was read, article by article, amended and adopted.

PREAMBLE.

Believing that the fact of our separation from the land of our birth, for the work of Christ among the unevangelized, does not weaken our obligations to co-operate with our brethren there, in averting the displeasure of heaven for national sins; believing, moreover, that the field of our labors, as Christian philanthropists, "is the world;" that we are solemnly commanded to do good unto all men as we have opportunity; that it is our privilege to sympathize with all who in the spirit of the gospel are making special efforts for the down-trodden slave; and especially, that we cannot be guiltless if we neglect to remember those that are in bonds as bound with them; and to seek, by all lawful means, to confer upon all the inestimable bond of civil and religious liberty; therefore, we do hereby agree, seeking the blessing and guidance of God, to form ourselves into an Anti-Slavery Society to be governed by the following

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Society shall be called the Hawaiian Anti-Slavery Society, auxiliary to the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to assist in the entire extermination of slavery, by our prayers to God for the release of the enslaved, and by co-operating with those who are engaged in this good work.

Art. III. Any person who consents to the principles and objects of this Society, may become a member by signing this constitution.

Art. IV. The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, to be chosen by ballot, and who shall discharge the various duties ordinarily devolving on such officers till others are chosen to succeed them.

Art. V. The society shall meet for the choice of officers and the transaction of business at such

time and place as its officers shall designate.

Art. VI. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

At a subsequent meeting on the 11th, the following persons were chosen officers for the ensuing year, viz.,

Dr. Thomas Lafon, President,
Rev J. S. Green, 1st Vice President.
Rev T. Coan, 2d " "
Rev L. Andrews, Rec. Sec'y.
Mr. S. N. Castle, Cor. "

Voted that Mr. Andrews be appointed to deliver an address at the next meeting of the Society.

At a meeting on the 15th, it was voted: That a copy of the constitution and proceedings of this Society be forwarded to the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Reporter, for publication.

Voted, that our Corresponding Secretary be our delegate to the Parent Society, provided he shall visit the United States.

Voted, that the Corresponding Secretary request from the Parent Society as many of their publications as they shall see fit to send.

The following persons had previously signed the constitution as members of the Society.

Dr. Thomas Lafon, Wm P Alexander,
Lorrin Andrews, Dwight Baldwin,
Jonathan S Green, Cochran Forbes,
Peter J Julick, Titus Coan,
Edwin Locke, Elias Bond,
Harvey R Hitchcock, Edwin O Hall,
Horton O Knapp, David B Lyman,
Samuel N Castle, Benj. W Parker,
Daniel Dole, Amos S Coke,
Abner Wilcox, Daniel T Conde,
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